Epigrams on Women.

Emil Reich in a recont London lecture said:

"Nations differ in nothing more than in their women.

"You will never know what a woman is unless you suffer very much. "Women do not love Napoleons; they love mere middle-class mediocrities. -

"Men who want to found empires do not want the higher development of

"You will in vain search history for a great man who has not been influenced by a great woman.

"In America the woman governs the man absolutely. In a certain sense the last man that came to America was Christopher Columbus."

Co-Operative Housekeeping.

Three young couples who live in the same apartment house on Washington Heights have had so much trouble with the servant problem, and the female members of the families had all got inefficiency and general "cussedness" of the help they were able to afford, that finally the men folk got together lies at the root of the difficulty. a month ago, and decided to take matters into their own hands.

None of their wives objected to cooking or making beds, but all needed help when it came to washing and ironing, sweeping and scrubbing, and particularly washing dishes and kitchen utensils, so the men decided on a co-operative scheme that so far has worked very well during the month it has been in operation.

Instead of each family paying \$4 a week for an incompetent maid of all work, each subscribes \$3 a week toward the wage of a strong, capable and active German woman, who feels that for the \$9 a week she is sure of getting she can afford to do a day's work every day. On Monday she does Mrs. A.'s washing and ironing, on Tuesday Mrs. B.'s washing and ironing, on Wednesday Mrs. C.'s. On the other three work days each apartment in turn receives a thorough scrubbing and cleaning. All the dishes that are dirtied in each apartment are piled by the mistress into a big pan, and in the evening are sent via the dumbwaiter to the apartment where Lena happens to be principally engaged on that day. She washes and polishes them all, and distributes them back to their owners before leaving for the night.

All concerned are delighted with the plan thus far, and declare they would picions about them, too. They are sure not go back to the old way for anything.-New York Globe.

The Baby Daughter.

When the baby girl arrives, let it be remembered that there are new things to be considered in her reception. Once the hope of the mother was in having a daughter who would be nearer to her than any son could possibly the picture of some day having at- a lot of other admirable qualities, and tached to himself something which it is no hardship to sell gloves to them which he could fake pride in living up to financially like any other table lux-

But the baby girl of now comes with the right of being considered an the glove counter."-New York Press. investment. For each of those families where the son is pointed out as a model and considered the best and most deserving young man in town because he takes care of his mother and sisters, who does not know another in which the girl is doing the same thing?

Who doesn't remember the daughter who is the burden bearer when reverses come when the brother is going gaily off after things matrimonial? And who does not know the father with whom things went backward instead of forward who has the pretty, protecting good-fellowship of the daughter, who is helping out at home with

a little salary of her evn? When it comes to the little embryo that she is, for brilliant possibilities the baby girl is the one who will thrill most the heart of the man who has the gambler's instinct for chances. However, the boy must be counted on not to go any higher than the level that has been reached by his progenitors, even allowing for new combinations. But the father whom you see in the car with the four-year-old, of peachy skin and brilliant orbs and penciled cycbrows and eyelashes, sitting with grave dignity under the Greenaway hat, has that beside him whose power no man can measure. Practically endless are the tricks of combination which good charm with which it is her role to attach good things to herself. And today's baby girl whose future opens up to her with independence and brains pair royals in getting there, which are

debarred her small brother. Don't mistake the possibilities. There is no need to make excuses for her not being a boy.

Gloves Tell Characters.

The girl near the exchange desk carefully folded a pair of dogskin gioves:

"I sometimes think," she said, "that all fortune tellers must have served an apprenticeship as glove saleswomen before going into the prophesying busi- resented, but particular prominence is ness. It is generally conceded that the chief stock in trade of the professional seer is a wide knowledge of human to the orchid manves, sky and pale nature, and surely there is no better school for gaining that particular kind browns, and the lightest of the terra of education than the glove counter of cottas.

a big store. I think I could give up kind in connection with a sharp-fall my job here now and go out and coin grouse. We were walking through money by telling people what I have prairie grass well above our knees found out about them, with their hands when a long distance shead upon a for a text-book. I would not proceed knoll on the prairie we espicd a sharpon the principles of palmistry, either. tail grouse, an old cock bird, standing The lines of the hand mean nothing erect in a sort of oasis of short, velto me. I would judge character solely vety grass not more than a couple of by the way my patrons hold their yards in diameter.

hands when having their gloves fitted. "Now, look at that woman down at not to stamp our feet upon the ground the lower end of the counter. She any more than necessary. The bird holds her hand out, palm upward, as seemingly was engrossed with some stiff as a ramrod, and no matter how thing, for with its back to us it paid much the clerk may turn or twist no attention to us whatsoever until we that unruly member and caution its had advanced within about eighty owner to loosen the tension a bit, it is yards of it. Turning its head it sized bound to straighten out into just that us up and then began to show sympposition.

tomer of mine. I'd be sure to have a early afternoon sun was shining brightrow with her before she got away. I ly, and the beautiful bird, with neck always have trouble with those stiff and head erect and body distended handed women. They are very hard upon its restless feet, made an attractto suit. Their wills are just as inflexi- ive and unique picture. ble as their hands, and if I have trouinto such a state of "nerves" over the ble in getting their gloves to set well the first time they put all the blame on and a coo coo he darted up in the air. me, whereas their own stubbornness

handed woman. Honestly, we meet in any way. Up, up, up almost in a some hands that flop around just like straight line, the bird towered, its jelly fish. They seem to be entirely wings beating the air and propelling it destitute of bone or muscle. The palm skyward. We watched the towering is thick and pear-shaped and soft as bird until we thought it would go out putty. It gives me the horrors to touch that kind of a hand. I never and became set, as when alighting yet waited on one of those inert crea- upon the ground. tures who did not wear a soiled collar or neck ribbon and a frayed skirt binding. If I had to choose between the strenuous-handed woman and the dead at our feet. Picking the bird up doughy palm I'd take the former every

"Then there are the customers of the grab-all type. They plant their elbows on the counter and spread their fingers out at the very widest angle. Natural. ly, this digital performance is not at all conducive to ease in fitting a pair of gloves or to neatness of appearance the explanation?-Charles Cristadoro, once that feat is accomplished. Experience has taught me to fight shy of one of these animated glove stretchers as a neighbor. Their bump of inquisitiveness is sonormally developed and the people across the nall will be in luck if the broad-fingered folk do not borrow the very clothes off their backs.

"There are other customers who persist in doubling their fingers into regular grappling hooks while undergoing the fitting operation. I have my susto have equally crooked tempers, and they take a special delight in raising a row at meal time.

"Of course, I serve hundreds of customers who have reduced the fitting of gloves to a fine art. They submit to the necessary manipulations with the utmost grace and put me to no inconvenience. Nature has made them a gift of glove-counter etiquette, along be. And the fond papa's delight was in | with sincerity and thoughtfulness and would be the envy of other men and day in and day out. You see, what is born in the bone will come out in the fingers, and If there is any place on earth where kinks in character are bound to come to the surface it is at



Overskirts are growing in import-

Women are again wearing jeweled cuff links.

The bird of paradise is worn as a

colffure decoration. A big neckplece of handsome estrich

plumes is much desired. Light suitings in two-toned effects

are being shown for early spring wear and the South. The prettiest pink cloth costumes are

of a deep shade; really an old rose or rather bright tone. The draped fur stole lined with a

second fur is one of the great successes of the season. The new embroidered blouses have

Valenciennes medallions inscrted among the needlework. The handsomest hats are seen of lace. Lace trims any number of crin and

fine Neapolitan straws. The girl just home from Paris wears

a round drop watch that hangs like a bangle from her bracelet. Embroidered in dark and light shades

of the same color little plnk belero jackets are most attractive. Pale pink and the delicate shell pink as well as a chance of making double are pretty for young girls, but have scarcely sufficient character to satisfy the present desire for brilliancy and

> effect. The one shade of pink that is so fashionable at the moment is only to be found in cloth and chiffon. There are three tones of pink-those bordering on salmon and the flame color-that are

more popular for evening wear, Variety in color is a particular feature of the new straws and hair weaves. All the leading series of shades adapted for the season are repgiven to the new moss and spring greens, and to the lower toned pinks, hyacinth colors, to the bright light wood

TOWERING BIRDS Alter Being Shot in Flight They Ascend and Die in the Air.

Why is it that a mallard, a grouse, a quall, and, for the matter of that perhaps, any bird when wounded in the head during flight will frequently tower or mount upward at an acute angle. oftentimes to die in midair and drop dead to the earth like a plummet or setting its wings, come to earth at a long, sloping angle?

I remember a curious case of this

We walked quietly along, taking care toms of restlessness, first standing on "I am glad that woman is not a cus- one leg and then upon the other. The

The wary bird evidently Mought we were close enough when, with a spring My friend, slightly in advance of me, took the shot. The bird did not seem "In contrast to this type is the limp- to change its course or alter its flight of sight, when its wings ceased to beat

Down, down it came, slowly at first and then more rapidly at an angle directly toward us, finally falling stone and carefully examining it we found a single shot had penetrated its head, Presumably the nerves of direction in the brain were paralyzed and the bird, yet full of life and vigor, beat the air and ascended upward. I have seen a mallard do this same thing in the towering line, likewise a quail. What is in Forest and Stream.

Future Magnates.

Patrick and Timothy were both employed by the city, and had the abundant leisure for conversation which comes to those engaged in such municipal affairs

"Well, now, if I had a million come to me I know well how I'd be spending it," said Patrick one day, resting his pick against a convenient wall and looking at it with great distaste.

"How would you be doing it?" inquired Timothy.

"I'd go to the Waldoffed Restoria or some o' thim high-toned hotels," said Patnick, "and I'd tell the b'y at the desi Have me called at 6 o'clock to-Ww morning!" Then I'd go to me s and shut the blinds, and whin hey called me I'd not answer, and they called me louder I'd give a sounding gape, and I'd say beme yawns, 'Go away wid yez! I'm! not obliged to be working! I've oney.' "

v!" remarked Timothy, as he once began work. ell, what would you do if you had

the illion?" demanded Patrick. ?" said Timothy, looking back over his shoulder. "I'd have a half-fut more len'th to this pick handle and save ne poor back."

Russian Riddles.

walks upside down overhead?

The are four brothers under one hat. legs of table. I have four legs and feathers, but

am nether beast nor bird. Feather Four brothers run side by side, but never eich up with one another. Cart

wheels. A pak of wolves ran by; one was shot, how many remained? The dead

one I am Mind, but show others the way, deaf and dumb, but know how to

count. Illestone. Peoplepray for me and long for my

company but directly I appear they hide theaselves. Rain.

A Mexican Farm.

Don Lis Terrazas, a great friend of President Diaz, has a farm in Chihuahua d about 8,000,000 acres. Don Luis is hought to own more than 1,000,000 attle. His stable consists of some 20,000 horses, his sheepfold of 700,000 sheep. From 200,000 to 300,-000 calvesare branded with his brand every sping. More than 1000 cowboys kee his cattle. At his slaughter and pacing houses near Chihuahua City 250)0 cattle, as many sheep, and hogs inn nerable are killed, and away they god his own refrigerator cars. Some 40 00 persons dwell on his estate.-Kinas City Journal.

o Tall for Strength.

In tall en, as a rule, the body is out of proortion to the lower limbs, tural result that such men with the are unableto bear fatigue or to compete in thestruggles of life with their lesser fellors more harmoniously proportioned. Army experience bears out these obsertations. In a long and fatiguing mach the tall men usually fall out first. | soldier between five feet five inches and five feet eight inches or nine inches is usually the one best adapted for bearing extra exertion,

bout 10,000,000 of migratory sheep | Spain.

With the Funny



Hisches. Hitch your wagon to a star" wondrous worth; Easier this to follow, far, "Hitch your air-ship to the earth."

Innocent

He-"Has she been married long?" She-"No; but she still thinks that her husband cets cloves because he likes them."

A Breakfast Dialogue.

Mrs. Talkwords-"Henry, you were talking in your sleep last night." Henry-"Pardon me for interrupting You."-Smart Set.

Got Off Easy.

Dolly - "That girl told awful fibs about me."

Polly - "You're lucky, dear. She night have told the touth."

Not Altogether Unsuccessigle Bobby-"Went fishing yesterday instead of going to school.' Tommy-"Cetch anything?"

Bobby-"Not until I got home," The Important Part. Millicent-"I'm in love with both of

them. Which would you advise me to Hortense-"Whichever one acks you."

Sarcasm. Tom-"What makes young Saphead so popular with the girls?

Dick-"Give it up." Harry-"He must know how to make some new kind of fudge."

A Portin, She.

Tess+"Gladys says she can think of ten good reasons for not allowing a man to kiss her." Jess-"Oh, so can I, but I can think

of eleven why I might let him."

Within Hearing. "Aren't the acoustic properties of the

opera house magnificent?" "They certainly are. You can hear

every word that's said by the Blank's party four boxes away." - Brooklyn

Conversion Genuine.

"They tell me that Skinner has joined the church. Do you believe he is in earnest?"

"He must be. I saw him put a dollar in the contribution box."-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Of Necessitys

"So your daughter has become a soloist.

"Necessarily," answered Mr. Cumrox, wearily. "Perhaps I ought to be thankful that she isn't a trio or a quartet."-Washington Stav. young .- Lyly.



Lou-"What do you think your pa will do when I ask his consent?" Nell-"I bate to think about it."-New York Evening Telegram.

Among Friends.

"Whew! What, Lottie Brown engaged? That proves what I've always sald, that no matter how plain and bad-tempered a girl may be, there's always a fool ready to marry her. Who's the poor man?"

The Average Boy.

"I am!"--Life.

Johnny-"I gotta reform an go ter Sunday-school, or else git a lot tough-

Susie-"What do you mean?"

Johnny-"Ma won't let me play with about half the kids in this neighborbood, an' the rest o' the kids' mothers don't let 'em play with mc. I got 40 triends ut all."-theyeland Leader.

Stirring Him Up.

"My dear," said the sick man, "do rou think Dr. Price-Price is really taking any interest in my case?"

"Well, he hasn't been as earnes! as be should," replied the wife, "but he'll work hard from now on. I told him to-day that if he didn't keep you alive for six months at least you wouldn't be able to pay his bill."-Philadelphia

Gave Himself Away.

Jenks-"Your daughter's young man mterviewed you last night, didn't he?" Grouch-"Yes, and such a stupld felow. He hasn't any sense at all." Jenks-"Ab! Then you wen't have im as a son-in-law?"

Grouch-"1? What have I to do with tt? The idea of his coming to ask me when the girl and her mother are satsfied! If he had may sense he'd know pat settled u."-Philadelphia Ledger.

AN ACCOMMODATING WITNESS How an Attorney Was Successfully Re buffed in Court.

"Do you know the prisoner well?" asked the attorney. "Never knew him fil," replied the

"No levity," said the lawyer, "Now,

sir, did you ever see the prisoner at "Took many a drink with him at the

bar." "Answer my question, sir," roared the lawyer, "How long have you

known the prisoner?" "From two feet up to five feet ten inches."

"Will the Court make the --- " "I have, yer Worship," said the witness, anticipating the lawyer. "I have answered the question. I knowed the prisoner when he was a boy of two feet long and a man of five feet ten."

"Your Honor--" "It's a fact, yer Worship; I'm under onth," persisted the witness,

The lawyer placed his hands on the table in front of him, spread his legs apart, leaned his body over the table, and said: "Will you tell the Court what you

know about this case?" "That ain't his name," replied the

witness.

"What ain't his name?" "Case."

"Who said it was?"

"You did. You wanted to know what I knew about this case. His name's Jones."

"Your Worship," howled the lawyer, plucking his beard out by the roots, will you make this man answer?" "Witness," said the Magistrate, "you must answer the questions put to

"Great Scott! hain't I been doin' it? Let him fire away. I'm all ready,"

"Then," said the lawyer, "don't beat

about the bush any more. You and the prisoner have been friends?" "Never," promptly responded the witness.

"What! Weren't you summoned here as a friend?" "No, sir, I was summoned here as a Presbyterian: Nary one of us was ever Friends. He's an old-time Bap-

disgust. "Hey?"

"Stand down." "Can't do it. I'll sit down or stand

"Constable, remove the man from the box."

Witness retires muttering: "Well, if laid eyes ou," - Galveston Tribune,

WORDS OF WISDOM. What makes life dreary is want of

motive.-Eliot. A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market.-Lamb.

Blessed are they who know enough to mind their own business. Honest good humor is the oil and wine of a merry meeting.-Irving.

To expect defeat is nine-tenths of a defeat itself .- F. Marion Crawford. If you will be cherished when you are old be courteous when you are

He is a wise man who wasies no enrgy on pursuits for which he is no fitted.-Gladstone. We are always complaining our days

are few, and acting as if there were no end of them .- Addison. Foresight is very wise, but foresorrow is very foolish, and castles are, at

air.-Lubbock. Every person is responsible for all

Hamilton. So long as men are an mated by souls more responsive to the calls of self interest and sentiment than to the calls. of justice and reason, so long will there be wars and rumors of wars, and a civilization fundamentally based upon force.

Dramatic Temperance Story. Irving Grinnell, treasurer of the Church Temperance Society of New York, told at a temperance meeting

a dramatic story: "A woman entered a barroom," he said, "and advanced quietly to her hus- Highway Commissioner, gives som band, who sat drinking with three other men.

She placed a covered dish on the table and said: "Thinkin' ye'd be too busy to come

home to supper, Jack, I've feigued it to you here. "And she departed. "The men laughed awkwardly. He invited his friends to share the meal

with him. Then he removed the cover from the dish. "The dish was empty. It contained

a slip of paper that said: "I hope you will enjoy your supper. It is the same your wife and children have at home."-Chicago Chronicle,

The Modern Dragon.

"To-day we need sigh for dragons no more," fervently remarks Arthur N. Jervis in his article on automobiles, "Car Coming?" in Everybody's, "The death-risking combat between man and flery destroyer is real. We may watch a whole herd of mechanical dragons, snorting, barking, whizzing, leaping, sliding, spitting smoke and flame, for three hours around a thirtymlle circuit. The men who ride them face dangers which are not made out of poetic nightmares, dangers far greater than those imagined by the ancient liar and reprodute who rode out of town for a three days' jamboree, and came back shaky and disheveled and explaining that state of his nerves by a lovely tale of horrid combat with a scaly monster in a cave somewhere off on the other side of the mountain."



Canadian Roads. NITED STATES Cons Seyfert, at Stratford, (tario, has refused an inte esting report regarding t methods being adopted that vicinity to accomp. public road improvement, from which

the following is taken: The Province of Ontario has six thousand miles of country road matained by township and county cou ells. Since the beginning of the mov ment for better roads there is a rad cal improvement in the condition the roads. The old way of road it provement by statute labor, which h existed for nearly a century, and d much during pioneer days to ophighways, has been largely supersed by a more modern system of a dire tax rate and closer supervisio Township control is universal in ro construction, while at the same tin county connells have undertaken to management of a system of main roas within the county. The work of the ounty council is devoted chiefly legislative functions, and the actu oversight of work on the grounds left to road foremen or overseers. T county system is aided by the pi vincial government to the extent one-third of the entire cost of constru

tion. During the years of 1903-4 1624 miles of main roads were proved at an expenditure of \$500,00 through provincial aid. Modern ros machinery, such as grading machine stone crushers, is in general throughout the province. Natur gravel beds are numerous, and care taken to select the best gravel in pit, which, under the modern syste is placed on the roads after the ear ls consolidated with the roller. Bridg are now all being built with ste superstructures, concrete abutmen and concrete floors.

tist, without a drop of Quaker in him." The matter of drainage is given to "Stand down!" yelled the lawyer, in greatest attention. Where underdrag age is needed tiles are used, with f quent outlets that will lead to nature watercourses. Breakers, once so co mon for carrying the water from 6 side of the road to the other, are tirely abandoned. Concrete culver have taken their place, and on t steep hills, where such surface drai he ain't the thick-headest lawyer I ever age is necessary, the road bed, with I high centre crown, is as smooth as the level. In the older parts of Out rio road construction has long sin passed the early temporary stage. 21 all improvements are made with a vie of durability. Perth County, of white Stratford is the county seat, has 138 miles of country highways; of this 6 miles are gravelled and are as fine pe manent roads as can be found in as

country. A source of much trouble and e pense to keep country roads open this latitude for several months of t winter is the enormous amount snowfall. Snow fences, similar those used by railroads, are employed but wire fences are much cheaper as give better setisfaction part of the winter snow plows a used, but later in the season they cal not cope with the drifts, and many e the roads become absolutely impass ble. To overcome some of the Cifficu lies on snow roads the last province egislature adopted a measure in pass any rate, better than dungeons in the ing an act, the first section of which provides that: "On and after the coning into force of this section no perso the good within the scope of his abil- small use on any public highway e ities, and for no more, and none can copt within the limits of any city an tell whose sphere is the largest.-Gail sleigh or other vehicle upon runner drawn by horses or other animals te cept cutters) manufactured after th first day of December, 1906, unless the same is so constructed that the dir tance between the outer edge of such runners at the bottom is not less tha four feet." The object of this act-t have a uniform width of sleigh runner -is to get a wider track for done; reams.

Roadway Repairing.

In a letter to the pelcetmen of the towns throughout the State of Connec tient, James H. Macdonald, Stat practical points on repairing roadways as follows:

"All culverts and gutters should b cleaned out and all shoulders on th roaus should be pared down so this they shall be below the traveled por tion of the highway. This will perm of the water running off into the god ter. Gravel roads should have a in tle gravel placed on the marks b the centra of the road and in the rule If this is not dope at this season no good will result. All loose stones should be removed from macadan roads with the back of a rake, not th teeth. Loose stones injure a road a much as any one thing, because they tre driven into the surface and break

Where the stone is beginning to show though a fittle splinters or chips of stone should be applied to form ; cushion. This cushion should not a more than three-fourths of an inet thick. No sprinkling or rolling is neeessary. A ton of splinters will suffice for from 250 to 300 square feet. At ordinary farm roller, weighted down and run afer the road after loose stone are removed, will improve it. It is no necessary to use screenings on a stor road, as they only furnish dust in d weather. If the road is watched, new surface will not be necessary, it will not have the chance to ge

Swedish school children, under guidance of their teachers, any plant about 600,000 trees.

bed condition."